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Madison, Wisconsin -- Erik C. Peterson, United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that James Schroeder, 28, of Beloit, Wis., was sentenced yesterday by Chief U.S. District Judge Barbara B. Crabb to 84 months in federal prison for possessing stolen firearms. Schroeder pleaded guilty to the charge on January 29, 2008.

Schroeder was charged after he sold a government informant a Ruger pistol, a Remington shotgun, and a Marlin rifle, all of which were stolen. His sentence was enhanced because he possessed the stolen firearms after having been convicted of a felony crime of violence. He has a 1998 Rock County felony conviction for burglary.

The charge against Schroeder was the result of an investigation conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Beloit Police Department. The prosecution of the case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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